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SUBJECT: UNCTAD IV - MANILA MINISTERIAL MEETING OF G-77

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1. MAKOTO TANIGUCHI, COUNSELLOR OF JAPANESE MISSION IN GENEVA, REPORTED ON ATMOSPHERICS OF G-77 MEETING IN MANILA. TANIGUCHI JUST RETURNED GENEVA AFTER ESCORING SECRETARY GENERAL COREA ON VISIT TO JAPAN.

2. AFTER TOKYO VISIT, SECRETARY GENERAL COREA LEFT FOR TEHRAN IN EFFORT TO GET IRANIAN CONTRIBUTION TO COMMON FUND FOR FINANCING BUFFER STOCK UNDER INTEGRATED PROGRAM. FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT IN MANILA BY PRESIDENT MARCOS THAT PHILIPPINES WOULD CONTRIBUTE \$50 MILLION, PEREZ GUERRERO INDICATED THAT OPEC COUNTRIES COULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE IF EVEN ONLY A FEW EUROPEAN STATES ALSO DO SO, MENTIONING SWEDEN BY NAME. CAN EMBASSY TEHRAN ADD
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FURTHER INFO ON THIS SUBJECT?

3. UNCTAD IV AND CIEC. THE GROUP OF 77 REACHED INFORMAL AGREEMENT IN MANILA ON THREE POINTS CONCERNING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN UNCTAD IV AND CIEC. THEY WILL NOT PERMIT THE GROUP B COUNTRIES AT EITHER THE PREPARATORY TDB OR THE CONFERENCE ITSELF TO EMPLOY THE TACTIC THAT ANY SUBJECT MATTER SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED IN THE UNCTAD CONTEXT BECAUSE IT IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE CIEC. SECONDLY, THEY AGREED THAT THE CIEC DIALOGUE WILL BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE FOR ONLY ONE YEAR, AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE TERMINATED NO MATTER WHAT THE STATE OF PROGRESS OF THE PARIS DISCUSSIONS. THE MAIN FOCUS OF DISCUSSIONS SHOULD THEREAFTER THEN BE EXCLUSIVELY UNCTAD. THIS DECISION WAS ANNOUNCED IN A SPEECH BY PEREZ GUERRERO AT MANILA. THE MANILA DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION WERE DRAFTED TO SERVE AS GUIDELINES BOTH FOR G-77 DISCUSSIONS IN UNCTAD AND THE G-19 DISCUSSIONS IN THE CIEC.

4. TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. LITTLE DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ON THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY ISSUES. THE TEXT AS PREPARED BY THE LATIN AMERICAN MINISTERIAL MEETING AT CARACAS WAS ACCEPTED VIRTUALLY VERBATIM. THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP DOMINATED THE ENTIRE DISCUSSION ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY WHILE THE AFRICAN GROUP SHOWED ITSELF TO HAVE LITTLE INTEREST IN THE ISSUE.

5. COMMODITIES. THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS LUKEWARM ON THE QUESTIONS OF THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM AND THE LIST OF COMMODITIES DRAWN UP. THEIR MAIN CONCERN SEEMED TO BE FOCUSED ON MARKET ACCESS AND THE LOME CONVENTION. SYG COREA PRESSED VERY HARD AT MANILA FOR THE IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMON FUND.

6. WHILE ROUMANIA AND MALTA WERE ADMITTED TO THE G-77, THERE WAS STRONG OPPOSITION FROM THE ASIAN GROUP TO THE ADMISSION OF ROUMANIA TO THE ASIAN GROUP. THE ASIANS PRESSED FOR ESTABLISHING A NEW CATEGORY OF NON-REGIONAL MEMBER SO AS TO BE ABLE TO REMOVE YUGOSLAVIA FROM THE ASIAN GROUP. THEY SHOWED THEMSELVES QUITE RESENTFUL OF

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YUGOSLAVIA SITTING IN ON THE CIEC DISCUSSION AS A REP OF ASIA AND OVER ITS HOLDING OF A DISPROPORTIONATELY LARGE NUMBER OF ASIAN BUREAU POSITIONS IN UNCTAD. THE AFRICANS TENDED TO FAVOR NON-REGIONAL CATEGORY FOR THE LESSER DEVELOPED EUROPEAN STATES TO JOIN THE GROUP OF 77, PARTICULARLY MENTIONING SPAIN AND PORTUGAL AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES. WHILE EVENTUALLY MALTA WAS ACCEPTED BY THE ASIAN GROUP AS A MEMBER, ROUMANIA

WAS ACCEPTED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP WITH ONLY ONE STATE OPPOSING (TANIGUCHI COULD NOT REMEMBER WHETHER IT WAS CUBA OR JAMAICA). THE FINAL QUESTION OF REGIONAL SEATING OF THE NEW MEMBERS WAS LEFT TO BE RESOLVED BY A WORKING GROUP TO BE CHAIRED BY AN AFRICAN.

7. PRESIDENT MARCOS' PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHING A "THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM" WITH ITS OWN SECRETARIAT WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED BY THE AFRICANS PRIMARILY, WHO FEARED IT WOULD BE COMPLETELY DOMINATED BY LATIN AMERICANS AND INDIANS AND WOULD BE TOO COSTLY FOR THEM.

8. SECRETARY GENERAL COREA IS KNOWN TO BE WORKING ON A PAPER ON THE RESTURCTURING OF UNCTAD TO MAKE IT A MORE EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATING INSTRUMENT AND IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT THE CIEC WILL BECOME A PERMANENT RIVAL INSTITUTION. HE HAS GONE SO FAR IN HIS THINKING AS TO HAVE A NEW NAME TO SUGGEST TO UNCTAD TO UNDERSCORE ITS PARALLEL (AND IN HIS MIND, HIGHER) POSITION TO CIEC- UN ORGANIZATION FOR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION (UNOTEC). COREA IS CURRENTLY DRAFTING HIS PROPOSALS PERSONALLY AND SHOULD MAKE THEM KNOWN SHORTLY AFTER HE RETURNS TO GENEVA ON FEB 24.

9. ON FEB 24-25, TANIGUCHI WILL BRIEF THE OECD AD HOC COMMITTEE ON UNCTAD IV ON FURTHER OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE G-77 MINISTERIAL MEETING. DALE

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